

Remarks

Claims 1-35 are pending.

The related applications section of the specification has been amended to recite the correct filing date of the parent application. No issues of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

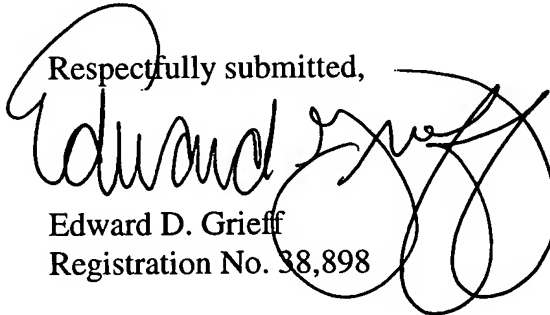
Claims 1-35 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-65 of U.S. Patent No. 6,471,978; claims 1-50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,352,709; claims 1-67 of U.S. Patent No. 6,255,277; claims 1-65 of U.S. Patent No. 6,174,539; claims 1-57 of U.S. Patent No. 6,087,479.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in view of 6,087,479, 6,174,539, 6,255,277, 6,352,709 and 6,471,978. In view thereof, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

An early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-35 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to expedited prosecution of this application.

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